

## NEWS RELEASE

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### **BOARD OF OIL, GAS AND MINING SCHEDULES MEETING**

The Utah Board of Oil, Gas and Mining will meet in regular session on Wednesday, December 1, 2004, in the auditorium of the Utah Department of Natural Resources at 1594 West North Temple, Salt Lake City, Utah. The meeting will begin at 9:00 a.m. with a briefing session conducted by staff members from the Division of Oil, Gas and Mining, and the formal agenda will begin at 10:00 a.m.

Among the items to be presented during the informal briefing session are discussions of a proposal to streamline the board hearing process on oil and gas matters, Kennecott Utah Copper Corporation will report on its reclamation contract, and a report on the status of the Five-Year Review of Coal Rules relating to blaster certification and division inspection and enforcement procedures.

The board will also conduct a working luncheon meeting in Room 1010. A budget overview will be presented and the board will discuss proposed field trips for 2005. The meeting is open to the public; no lunch will be provided.

### AGENDA

1. Docket No. 2004-018, Cause Nos. DAR 27454-27458 – In the Matter of Formal Rulemaking to Amend the Minerals Regulatory Program Rules at Utah Administrative Code R647-1 (Minerals Regulatory Program), R647-2 (Exploration), R647-3 (Small Mining Operations), R647-4 (Large Mining Operations), and R647-5 (Administrative Procedures).

*The board will consider this proposed rulemaking that was open for public comment between 10/15/04 and 11/16/04; no public comment will be received at this time.*

2. Docket No. 2004-015, Cause No. 254-02 – In the Matter of the Request for Agency Action of the HOUSTON EXPLORATION COMPANY for an Order Approving an Exception Location for the BONANZA #6D-7 Well in the SE¼NW¼ of Section 7, Township 9 South, Range 24 East, SLM, Uintah County, Utah.

*This matter has been dismissed.*

3. Docket No. 2004-017, Cause No. 102-80 – In the Matter of the Request for Agency Action of GENERAL MINERALS CORPORATION for an Order Approving an Enhanced Recovery Project by Waterflood, Gas Flood, and Water or Gas Injection in the Cisco Springs Unit, in Section 10 (*Amended from Sections 9-11 and 14-15*), Township 20 South, Range 23 East, SLM, Grand County, Utah, in Accordance with Utah Code Ann. Sec. 40-6-7 and 40-6-8; and Approving of Unitization of the Oil and Gas Formations; Unitization of the Oil and Gas Interests; and for Authority for Underground Injection of Fluids.

*This matter is continued from October, and Petitioner has filed a Motion to Continue Hearing to January.*

4. Docket No. 2004-020, Cause No. 236-03 – In the Matter of the Request for Agency Action of MAR/REG OIL COMPANY for an Order Approving an Enhanced Recovery Project by Waterflood and Water Injection in the East Brennan Bottom Unit in Portions of Sections 16, 17, 20 and 21, Township 7 South, Range 21 East, SLM, Uintah County, Utah, in Accordance with Utah Code Ann. Sec. 40-6-7 and 40-6-8; and Approving of Unitization of the Oil and Gas Formations; Unitization of the Oil and Gas Interests; and for Authority for Underground Injection of Fluids.

*Petitioner has filed a Motion to Continue Hearing to January.*

5. Docket No. 2004-021, Cause No. 256-01 – In the Matter of the Request for Agency Action of BILL BARRETT CORPORATION for an Order Suspending Application of Utah Admin. Code Rules R649-3-2, R649-3-10 and R649-3-11 (1) and (2) insofar as They Pertain to Lands Within the Prickly Pear Federal Exploratory Unit, Covering Portions of Township 12 South, Ranges 14 and 15 East, and Township 13 South, Range 15 East, SLM, Carbon County, Utah.

*Petitioner is asking for a suspension of State Rule so Federal Rules may apply.*

6. Docket No. 2004-022, Cause No. M/045/017 – In the Matter of the Request for Agency Action by BARRICK RESOURCES (USA) and Barrick Gold Corporation, Requesting Partial Release of Surety for Mining and Reclamation Plan M/045/017, Tooele County, Utah.

*Petitioner is seeking release of partial bond.*

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